MOODY R. TIDWELL, III





Judge Moody R. Tidwell was born in Kansas City, Missouri on February 15, 1939. He was appointed a Judge of the United States Claims Court (which later was renamed the Court of Federal Claims) by President Ronald Regan on June 1, 1983. On May 16, 1998, Judge Tidwell retired and was recalled to senior status.

Judge Tidwell graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he received a B.A. degree with a major in psychology in 1961. He earned a J.D. from The Washington College of Law, American University, in 1965, and an L.L.M. from the National Law Center, George Washington University in 1974.

Judge Tidwell formerly served as: an attorney with the U.S. General Accounting Office from 1965-1969; Associate Solicitor with the Department of the Interior from 1969-1978; Associate Solicitor with the U.S. Department of Labor from 1978-1981 and Counsel to the Secretary and Deputy Solicitor with the U.S. Department of the Interior from 1981 to 1983.

Judge Tidwell was in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1961-1962; has taught government contract law; and, before his appointment to the bench, was corporate secretary and member of the board of directors of Keco, Inc.

Judge Tidwell is married to the former Serena Cox and has two sons, Gregory and Jeremy. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar.